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SUBJECT: POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF LORENZ AFFAIR

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1. SUMMARY: THERE IS MUCH CONCERN IN BERLIN THAT
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LORENZ AFFAIR MAY BE REPEATED, BUT MOST BERLINERS AGREE
THAT HUMAN LIFE MORE IMPORTANT THAN ABSTRACT LEGAL
PRINCIPLE AND THERE IS NO CONSENSUS ON TACTICAL EFFICACY
OF HARD LINE. IT IS THEREFORE EXPECTED THAT WHENEVER

TERRORISTS TAKE HOSTAGES, THEIR DEMANDS WILL PROBABLY BE
MET. BERLIN CRISIS MACHINERY FUNCTIONED REMARKABLY WELL
BUT PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN POLICE HAS BEEN BADLY SHAKEN.
CRISIS CONSULTATIONS STRENGTHENED BERLIN-BONN TIES;
ALLIES IN TURN WERE ABLE MAINTAIN LOW-PROFILE WHILE
PROVIDING SECURITY-RELATED ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. IT IS NOW COMMON VIEW OF BERLINERS FROM ALL WALKS
OF LIFE THAT LORENZ KIDNAPPING MAY HAVE BEEN FIRST OF SERIES,
AND IN THIS CONTEXT QUESTION IS RAISED WHETHER DEMANDS SIMILAR
TO THOSE MADE IN LORENZ CASE WOULD BE MET BY
GOVERNMENT IF ORDINARY CITIZEN ("GEMUESEFRAU," FOR
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